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MICHAEL MOORE TESTIFIED TODAY BEFORE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE AT BRIEFING SPONSORED BY SENATOR SHEILA KUEHL, AUTHOR OF SB 840, THE CALIFORNIA UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE ACT

Discusses role of upcoming film “SiCKO” in the debate in California on healthcare

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SACRAMENTO – Michael Moore, director of the soon to be release documentary, “SiCKO” testified before Senator Kuehl and other California lawmakers today in a informational briefing to discuss the relevance of the film for the California Legislature as it battles health reform this year.

At the briefing today, in reference to Senate passage of SB 840 (Kuehl) - the California Universal Healthcare Act, which establishes a single payer universal health care system in California to cover every resident of the state, Moore stated, “In recognizing that for-profit insurance is incompatible with a caring, a moral and a high quality health care system that provides coverage for all, Senator Kuehl is leading the fight to break the industry’s death grip on our health care system.” In expressing his gratitude for Senator Kuehl’s long term leadership Moore added, “I believe the people are on your side”.

Moore’s documentary is an up-close look at America’s crumbling health care system telling the story of what the health care crisis has meant in real terms for average Americans. “This film will hopefully serve as a wakeup call about the way that insurance companies are mismanaging our healthcare system”, stated Senator Kuehl, “The main obstacle to universal health care is finding the political will to overcome insurance companies, and this film is going to lead people to want to get involved. It will add a needed boost to achieving universal health care.”

The briefing was followed by a large rally with Moore and Kuehl sponsored by the California Nurses Association at **2 pm on the West Steps of the Capitol**. Moore and Kuehl will then accompany the rallying nurses to the Crest Theater for a **3:30 pm special showing of “SiCKO” - open to the media** that will include a questions and answer period from the audience. Later this evening Kuehl will attend the special screening at the Crest beginning at **7 pm**.

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